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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT Technology Center 2100

Sir:

In response to the June 18, 2004 Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group IV, claims 11-29, and 40-58 drawn to simultaneous displaying of portions or screens of information in an electronic book, with traverse.

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of all claims 1-73 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the search and examination of the entire application should be made without serious burden. See M.P.E.P. §803, which states that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the above-identified application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

A one month petition for extension of time is requested by separate cover.

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Respectfully submitted,

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